

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-2 and 4-12 are allowable. Claims 17-19 are considered objectionable. Claims 13, 14, and 16 remain rejected.

Claim 13 has been amended to include all limitations of claim 17. Accordingly, claim 17 has been canceled without prejudice. Claim 18 has been amended editorially. Accordingly, no new matter is included in the amended claims.

Claims 13-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Miyazaki et al. (International Patent Application Publication No. WO 2002/44705). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 15 has been canceled.

Claim 13 has been amended to include all limitations of canceled claim 17, which has been allowable if rewritten in an independent form. Thus, claim 13 and accordingly, claims 14 and 16 should be allowable.

In view of the above, Applicants request reconsideration of the application in the form of a Notice of Allowance.



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